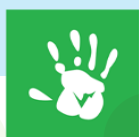


Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Pupil Free Day

Thank you to all parents for their understanding regarding the pupil free day on Friday. All of the teaching staff joined with other teachers and ES from the other 7 Wodonga Government schools to participate in a range of different presentations.

Many of the presentations were really positive with staff getting lots of ideas on how they can work with students to improve their learning outcomes at Belvoir.

Being a part of the Federation of schools was also very symbolic and staff got a lot of benefit from talking with other teachers and sharing ideas across the different schools.

School Council

On Wednesday we held our first school council meeting for the term with the following decisions being made:

- The school will be conducting an audit of locks throughout the school as we prepare to transition from locks and keys to a keyless entry / fob system.
- The school will continue our relationship with Wodonga Racing with our participation in their annual Charity event.
- Building and installation of a number of park benches out the front of the school to provide additional seating for parent.
- Orange Pod achievements including Ready for Work, Morning Tea and Canteen programs were also acknowledged.

School Council welcomed one new member Jade Vogel.

Welcome Jade and thank you for showing interest in your school.

Pennie Moffat, Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are expected to be in full school uniform every day. This consists of the burgundy or blue polo shirt, navy blue pants or shorts, school jumper and closed toe shoes.

While we realise the weather has been cooler in the mornings, students are encouraged to wear the burgundy jumper to keep warm. Beanies are now available to order from the office.

2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

22nd August

Book week, remember to dress up as your favourite book character

Dyson's Buses

PHONE NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0460 935 609

BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Parent Opinion Survey

Over the next four weeks all government schools in Victoria will be conducting their parent opinion surveys. The survey is an annual event offered by the Department of Education and Training that is open to all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement.

The survey is open from Monday the 7th August and closes on the 8th of September. A letter will be sent out via Xuno & SeeSaw on Monday with the school's unique login and a request to complete the survey.

Survey results are completely anonymous with the school only receiving an indication of how many families have completed the survey each week.

The survey results will be returned to the school in September and school council will use these to inform the development of next Annual Implementation plan.

Results will also be shared with the school community through the school's annual report and through the newsletter.

I strongly urge all families who have been selected to complete the survey so that the views of the school community are known.

Pennie Moffat, Principal

Belvoir Special School, Wodonga



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child has been offered an opportunity to attend this year's Special Children's Christmas Party. The party is for children only with Special Needs, where they can enjoy just being a 'kid' again, there will be lots of rides, face painting, activities, a 3-hour stage show, yummy food, presents and Santa of course! all provided completely free!

This year's party is being held at:

**The Wodonga Sport & Leisure Centre
Saturday 18th November 2023
10am – 1pm**

If you are interested in your child attending this year's Party, please send this form back to your school or organisation that informed you about the Party. Your School or Organisation will then get in touch with the organisers of the Christmas Party to register your interest and perhaps you might be lucky to receive an invitation!

If you have any further questions about the event, you may view our webpage at www.sccpau.com.au/faqparents There you will find a list of commonly asked questions.

Remember, this is only a request for an invitation, not a guarantee that you will receive one. Each year, we have over 3,000 requests for children to attend and it's not possible to accommodate that many children with Special Needs.

This form needs to be back to your school or organisation before 9th September 2023.

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Yes, I would like to register my interest for my child to attend.

Child's Name:

Age: (must be under 12 years)

Gender:

(Although most gifts are gender neutral, this will allow us to match up a gift with the gender identified).



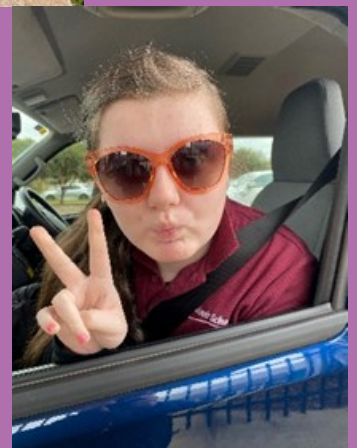
Room 18 NEW

Elissa, Katrina & Sue



This term Room 18 have been learning about time in maths. We have been on outings to Belvoir Park where we finally got to see the Fish Hotels that we learnt about last term (Yay for some Sunshine!), MAMA where we had a guided tour of an exhibition called 'Home', and to the Albury Library/Museum where we looked at Wiradjuri Talkback exhibition which explores the history of Wiradjuri Country. We really enjoyed looking at the Possum Skin Cloak and then learning more about them during our NAIDOC week celebrations.

Room 18 have been so lucky to have one of our OT's Tayla help us to explore different sensory activities. When we try different activities, we notice whether it makes us feel calm or excited. We have also started planning for the exciting events that are happening later in the year including Book Week and the End of Year Concert!

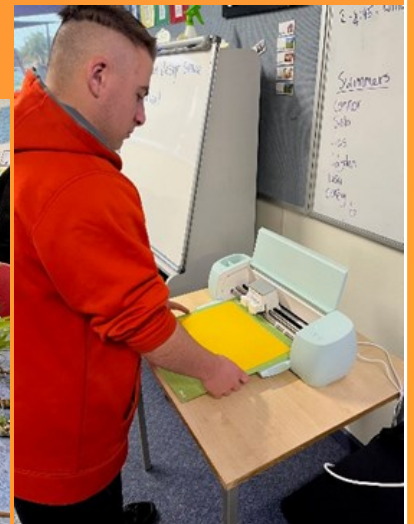


ORANGE POD NEWS

Room 22 News

Jake & Mel

The students in Room 22 have had a fantastic start to the term. They have been actively involved in various activities such as celebrating NAIDOC week and planning for the upcoming school canteen. These experiences have enabled them to make positive strides towards achieving their learning goals. Towards the end the second term, our students had the opportunity to visit 'Our Native Garden Nursery' where they collaborated with Wodonga Urban Landcare to learn about the process of transforming green spaces into native bushland. We have also been using the new Cricut machine to explore the world of design and technology. Presently, we are creating greeting cards using different techniques and materials. Our VPC students are making impressive progress through the SBAT program, with a group completing work experience at businesses around the Wodonga area. They are applying their skills through visits to the men's shed next door, which allows them to practice OH&S and learn how to work with others in a workplace environment.





ROOM 4 NEWS

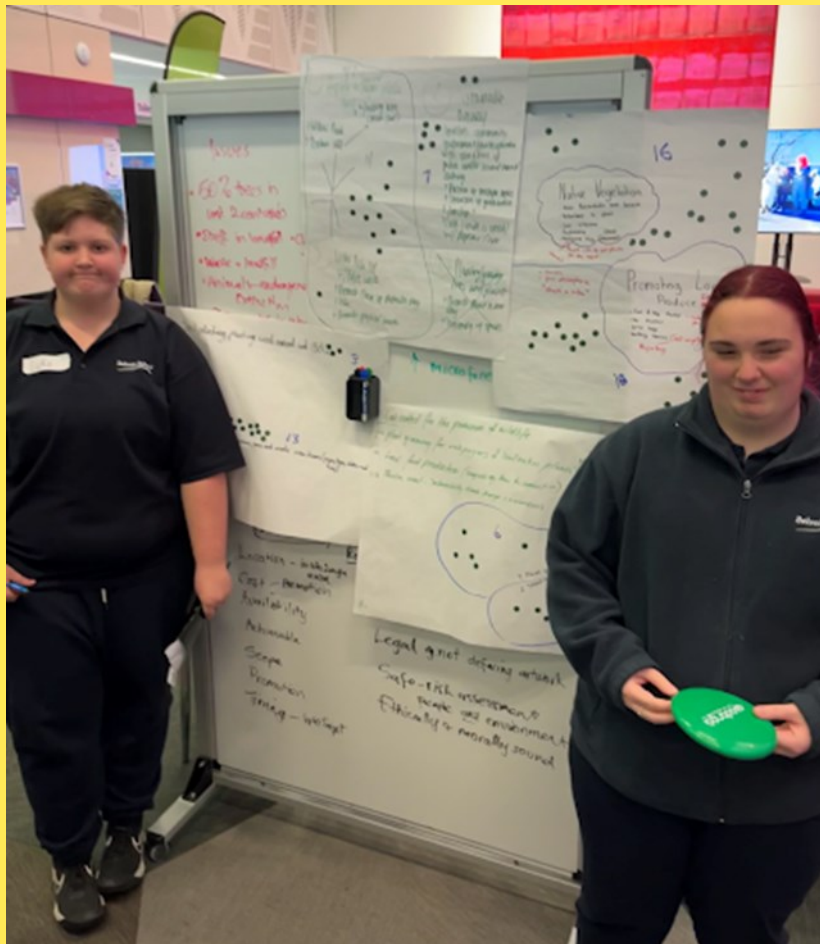
Kim, Raquel & Jordan



Environmental Youth Planning Day

Last week, two student leaders (Luke and Lisa) from Orange Pod were invited to attend the Environmental Youth Planning Day. During term 2, our VPC students collaborated with the Wodonga Urban Landcare Network to learn about the significance of natural areas in an urban landscape. This allowed us to attend a day-long event that helped to expand student's knowledge and understanding of various sciences, including ecology, geography, and climate change, while also fostering community service and leadership skills development.

The students were among 20-30 young people from secondary schools, clubs, and tertiary institutions who attended the event. They were inspired by 20 speakers who presented a range of environmental issues and solutions, focusing on how these problems impact Wodonga. Following the presentations, the attendees discussed their top environmental concerns and decided to organize a youth-led environmental event in late September. The goal of the Environmental Youth Leading Wodonga project was to encourage young locals to engage more in environmental causes and volunteerism.





CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK®

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BELVOIR BOOK PARADE
TUES. 22nd August 9:30

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NDIS REQUESTS FOR ONSITE OBSERVATION

Over the past few weeks Belvoir has received a number of requests for Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Behaviour Practitioners and Physiotherapists into the school to work with individual students. Currently, Belvoir has 189 students enrolled in the school and most of these students are NDIS participants accessing one, or more, therapy services. As a result of this, Belvoir is not able to accommodate all requests for space for the various therapists to work in. Parents are reminded that all NDIS therapists must first be approved from the school before they undertake any work with students on school grounds.

This is Department of Education policy and includes therapists that are visiting the school to observe students in class for the first time. A link to the Departments NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools Policy is below and this will give all information to parents regarding the use of NDIS funded therapists during the school day.

[NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/ndis-funding/ndis-funding-policy/ndis-funding-policy.aspx)

This guide is also available in hard copy from the office. Please contact Andrea or Viv if you would like a copy sent home.

The school may allow therapists on school grounds on a needs basis for the purpose of observing students, and to meet with staff for the purpose of completing assessments. Close consideration is given in these circumstances as it can be disruptive to the other students in the class and therefore will be negotiated between Belvoir staff, including the internal Allied Health team and NDIS therapists. Belvoir may allow some therapists to work with students at school, during school hours, and this decision will be made on a case by case basis. Several factors will be taken into consideration when these decisions are made including parent work commitments, difficulties relating to transport, distance families live from Wodonga, availability of an appropriate space within the school and the ability for school staff to supervise therapists on site.

Many other schools have a blanket ban on NDIS therapists coming into their school. Belvoir does not intend to do this at this point in time. We hope that parents will understand this and work with us to achieve an appropriate outcome for each individual student. We also highly encourage you to have your NDIS therapists contact the internal Allied Health team at Belvoir, when needed. If you would like further clarification regarding this or you're requiring an NDIS request form please don't hesitate to email

Belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au

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